

REMARKS

The Office has required an Election of Species of one primer pair for amplification of human sequences and one primer pair for amplification of mouse sequences.

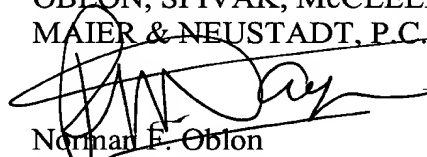
Applicants affirm election, with traverse, of a primer pair for amplification of human sequences as pair SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:19; and a primer pair for amplification of mouse sequences: pair SEQ ID NO:27 to SEQ ID NO:28.

The Office has requested clarification of the claims which read on the species. Claims 45, 48, 49, 68, 71, 74, 76, 77 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,

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